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RENTS LAW.

TO BE RENEWED.

GOVERNOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO-DAY.

In the Legislative Council meeting, which took place this afternoon, His Excellency the Governor announced that it was the Government's intention to renew the Rents Ordinance.

The matter arose out of a notice of motion given by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K. C., who said that he begged to move a motion which had the unanimous support of his four unofficial colleagues. His motion was—

"That the Rents Ordinance be continued for a further period of one year from the end of June 1924."

His Excellency said it was his intention to bring the matter forward on behalf of the Government at a suitable opportunity before the present Ordinance expires. In the circumstances, he took it that Mr. Pollock would not bring the matter up.

His Excellency added that it had been his intention that the Ordinance should be renewed, but he proposed to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the Council.

THE NEW AMENDMENTS.

The Hon. Attorney General moved the first reading of a Bill to amend the Rents Ordinance, the main object of which is to prevent the reconstruction of houses which are in a substantially good condition.

He said that the Ordinance laid down two main rules, one being that the rent could not be raised and the other that the tenant could not be turned out. There was one main exception in the latter case, namely, that a tenant could be obliged to quit if the owner intended to reconstruct the house so as to make it a new building, within the meaning of the Building Ordinance. Unfortunately, some landlords had used that exception for the purpose of reconstructing their houses not to make the reconstruction safe, but for the sake of the increased rent which they could obtain from new houses not subject to the Ordinance. That practice, he said, had apparently been growing, and the object of the present Bill was to check that. The Bill would not prevent reconstruction in proper cases, it was only intended to check reconstruction solely undertaken for the purpose of evading the Rents Ordinance.

About the middle of January, 125 houses were then being reconstructed which before had been in a comparatively sound condition. That number was only about five per cent. of the total number of houses under reconstruction at the time, but the number was a substantial one and seemed to call for legislative interference.

The Attorney General went on to explain that in future no notice to quit would be valid unless accompanied by a certificate from the Building Authority to the effect that reconstruction was desirable. Appeal to the Governor-in-Council was provided.

In conclusion he referred to the question of the retrospective effect of the Bill, saying that since it was originally drafted certain alterations had been made.

The first reading was agreed to.

UNPOPULAR CONVENTION.

Belgian Premier to Resign.

Brussels, February 27.

The Chamber has rejected by 93 to 79 votes a Bill embodying the Franco-Belgian economic convention. The Premier announced that he would resign, as the Government had made the bill a matter of confidence.

The Franco-Belgian convention, which has caused M. Theunis' resignation, now effective, has been for two years under negotiation, and was strenuously opposed by the Belgian manufacturers and Press on the ground that it gave France seven times the concessions granted to Belgium.—*Reuter.*

CHINESE GENERALS' DEATH.

Chan Wing-son Succumbs.

Sequel to Hongkong Shooting Affair.

We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence on the Fraya Grande, Macao, on Tuesday evening, of General Chan Wing-son, who was a son of Mr. Chan Chik-yue, former Civil Governor of Canton, and a nephew of General Chan King-ming. His death was due to blood-poisoning, caused by a bullet with which he was wounded in an attempt made on his life in Hongkong in April of last year. Subsequent to this injury, the deceased was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital, where he remained long under treatment. Paralysis set in, and he was later able to be moved to Macao, where he took up his residence. His condition did not give any cause for alarm until some few days ago, when serious blood-poisoning set in. He was given the best medical attention, but all to no purpose, his case having been regarded hopeless for the past two or three days.

The attempt on General Chan Wing-son was made on April 11th last. Some time previously, when General Chan King-ming was ousted from Canton, the deceased, with his father, came down to Hongkong, and for a time he was granted special police protection, which was later withdrawn, as there seemed little likelihood of his needing it further. On the date named, however, he was proceeding, just before 8 p.m., in a chair up Glenelg, on his way to a dinner appointment, when an assassin crept up behind the chair and fired three shots at him from close range. The last of the three bullets fired lodged in the General's back, near the spine, whilst one went clean through the left shoulder and the other lodged in the right shoulder. The assassin escaped and the coolies in charge of the chair, who had been away when the first shot was fired, later conveyed the wounded General to the Police Station, whence he was subsequently taken to hospital in a motor ambulance. It was found impossible to extract the bullet in the General's back, but, apart from partial paralysis which later set in, he soon regained what appeared to be normal health.

The deceased General was the eldest son of Mr. Chan Chik-yue, who was Civil Governor of Canton for some months prior to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's return. He was 37 years of age and was a modern, educated young man, being a Yale graduate. During General Chan King-ming's regime in Canton, he came into prominence both as River Defence Commissioner and Director-General of the Arsenal, holding the rank of General. In connection with the former post, he carried out a number of expeditions against pirates in the Canton delta, exterminating several gangs. He showed great energy and marked fearlessness in this work, and, as a consequence, received many threats. He carried his life in his hands during those days, but nothing could deter him in the work which he had undertaken. His methods were drastic, but there is no doubt that he succeeded in crushing many bands of pirates who had been giving trouble in and around Canton.

He also carried through a considerable expedition against Commander Chan Chak (the present River Defence Commissioner) and the citizen-soldiers in the Kowloon, and Heungshan districts in the summer of 1922, having the assistance of several thousand troops, and the operations were entirely successful, several of the "enemy" craft being captured and sunk and other casualties inflicted. He was, in fact, General Chan King-ming's right-hand man in operations on land and waters on the outskirts of Canton during that time.

Much sympathy will be felt for his father, who recently lost his brother, Mr. Chan Kang-yue.

BRITAIN'S BOXER INDEMNITY.

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH DISPOSAL.

THE CHINESE LOAN DEFAULTS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, February 27.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Ponsonby introduced a Bill enabling them to appoint a committee to deal with the disposal of the Boxer Indemnity, but said that no inference should be drawn with regard to the likelihood of the Boxer Indemnity funds becoming available for defaulted payments on the unsecured debts of the Chinese Government.

ANOTHER ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINISTERS' STATEMENTS.

London, February 27.

The Government was again the target of an attack on a motion for adjournment moved by Mr. Ronald McNeil drawing attention to the question of the Government's responsibility for utterances of Ministers outside the House. Particular reference was made to the Government's policy with regard to the Versailles Treaty arising out of a speech by the Home Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson, in the Burnley bye-election campaign on the 23rd, in which he declared that the Treaty must be revised if further economic ruin was to be prevented.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, replying to critics, said Mr. Henderson had apparently been under the impression that as a Minister he could speak as a private citizen. Of course, he was wrong. Mr. MacDonald declared that the speech was not an expression of the Government's foreign policy, which was defined in his statement at the opening of Parliament. He pointed out that he was awaiting the reports of the Reparations Experts' Committee before making a complete survey of all the war problems.

Mr. Baldwin said in view of the Premier's reassuring statement the party would not press the division, which was accordingly negatived without a division.

OUR NEW CRUISERS.

NO CHANGE OF POLICY.

London, February 27.

In the House of Commons at question time Mr. Ammon said that they would conform to the requirements of the Naval Treaty. The Admiralty expected the cost of the new cruisers to be one and a half and two millions sterling. The effect of their coming on the number of the personnel of the navy must depend on the decisions reached on the replacement programme, which would be the subject of Government investigation.

The latest figures of the light-cruiser strength of the British American, French and Japanese navies were, respectively, 48, 29, 16 and 28 Mr. Ammon added that had the full programme of the late Government been embodied in the naval estimates for 1924-1925, the extra cost involved would have been approximately three millions, and the additional personnel fourteen thousand. He also added that the increase of the Mediterranean fleet did not indicate any change of policy on the part of the Government.

ASIA AND THE LEAGUE.

POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATE BLOCs.

London, February 27.

In an article in the *Nineteenth Century* on Asia and the League of Nations, Mr. Chao Hsin-chu urges China's claims to a seat in the Council of the League. He emphasises the Chinese keenness for the principles of the League, and points out that failure to observe a geographical basis of Council representation may prejudice the future of the League.

If the League ever ceases to be a world-wide concern, the result will be that the nations situated on the American continent will establish their own league and the nations of Asia will follow suit.

LIBERAL INDECISION.

CROSS-VOTING ON MOTION.

London, February 27.

As a result of yesterday evening's vote, it is unlikely that the Liberal Party will be resumed. The division revealed differences in the Liberal Party, at least a dozen voting with the Conservatives. The others abstained as a protest against Liberal tactics, whilst a large section voted for the Government. There was no cross voting among the Labourites and Conservatives.

FARCICAL TRIAL.

Public Lose Interest.

Munich, February 27.

A slight snowfall this morning sufficed to keep away from the vicinity of the court-house even the few who assembled yesterday. It is evident that the citizens of Munich are little interested in the trial of Ludendorff and because it is already clear that the case will provide no sensation and will not have serious consequences for Ludendorff or Hitler, a fact of which they are probably aware.

One of the accused, Weber, president of the Nationalist Oberland Bund, made a statement to-day explaining that the aims of the Bund are chiefly to tear up the Versailles Treaty and create a new German Fatherland. He gave an account of his conversations with Von Kahr, Von Lossow and the chief of the Bavarian police, Von Seisser, showing that all three approved of the revolt.—*Reuter.*

ALLIES AND GERMANY.

Revival of Military Control.

Paris, February 27.

The Ambassadors' Conference has assembled to discuss the British memorandum on the military control of Germany, which proposes to revive the inter-allied plan of September, 1922, substituting a committee of guarantees with limited functions for the present control commission.

The plan was dropped owing to the occupation of the Ruhr. A Berlin semi-official statement refuses to believe the British Government will lend a hand to the enforcement of German sovereignty involved in a revival of the guarantee committee, which was not provided for in the Treaty of Versailles.

The Ambassadors' Conference eventually referred the memorandum to the inter-allied military committee at Versailles presided over by Marshal Foch.—*Reuter.*

COURT MARTIAL.

BEER AND PORT WINE.

A Court Martial was held at Murray Barracks this morning, when Private Thomas All m. M.M., of the East Surrey Regiment, was charged with breaking out of barracks after "Tattoo" on February 9th, and also with being drunk on February 10th.

The Court was presided over by Major R. S. S. Paton, East Surrey Regiment, the other members being Capt. B. S. Hey, of the 24th Bombay Grenadiers (K.E.O.), and Lieut. E. L. E. Davies, of the R.G.A.

Lieut. A. L. Sutton, of the Surrey Regiment, prosecuted, and Lieut. P. H. Drake Brockman appeared as prisoner's friend.

Prisoner pleaded "not guilty" to both charges.

Evidence was given by Lieut. G. Moore, of "D" Company, to the effect that he was Orderly Corporal on February 9th, and when he called the roll at "Tattoo" the accused was present and standing by his cot. It was reported to him at "Reveille" next morning that prisoner was absent.

Lieut. S. Cosgrave gave corroborative evidence.

Sergeant E. Puttock, of the East Surrey and attached to the G.M. Police, said that at 12.10 a.m. on the 10th, when he was on duty near the Hongkong Hotel, he saw the prisoner in a ricksha. When he stopped the ricksha for the purpose of inspecting prisoner's late pass, he found the prisoner was drunk and not in possession of a pass. The accused was taken to Murray Barracks and handed over to the Court.

Corporal J. Hockham, who was in charge of the Quarter Guard at Murray Barracks, said that when prisoner was brought in he was drunk and incapable.

Corporal Thorne, of the East Surrey Regiment, who was acting as Company Orderly Sergeant on February 9th, stated that no late pass was issued to the prisoner, neither did the prisoner have a permanent pass.

In his statement of defence, prisoner said that on the evening in question he left Victoria Barracks about 6.30 for the purpose of having a walk. At 7.30 he went into the Soldier's Club and had some supper, then going to the Royal Naval Canton, where he ordered a pint of beer. Whilst drinking it he got into conversation with a sailor, who invited him to have another drink. In view of the fact that he had been unwell all day, he refused the drink and later went into the Reading Room. Soon afterwards the sailor brought him a glass of port wine and advised him to drink the wine, which he did. When he stood up to go back to barracks he was very giddy and had to sit down again. He remembered nothing more until the next morning. During the war he was wounded in the head, and also had a "crash" in the Flying Corps. By outward appearances he might, when depressed, appear to be drunk.

This was all the evidence.

The sentence of the Court will be promulgated in due course.

DOCK CO. PROFITS.

FINAL DIVIDEND OF \$5.

We are informed that, subject to final audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will recommend to shareholders, at the forthcoming annual meeting, that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1923, be dealt with as follows—

Write off Buildings and Plant the sum of \$270,281.91.

Pay a final dividend of \$5 per share on account of year 1923, amounting to \$400,000.00.

Balance about to be carried forward to next year \$320,000.00.

ROPE MEETING.

GIN DRINKERS' BAY SCHEME.

Proposed Increase of Capital.

The fortieth ordinary annual meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., was held in the offices of Messrs. Shawan, Tones and Co., this morning, Mr. R. G. Shawan presiding, and others present being the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Allan Cameron (directors), Mr. F. J. Tavares (secretary) and the following shareholders—Messrs. A. L. Shields, H. H. Taylor, W. J. Hawker, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Cordeiro, R. C. Randall, D. W. Munton, J. Toppin, A. H. M. Da Silva and Fung Tat-hang.

The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman addressed the gathering as follows—

Gentlemen, the report and accounts are now in your hands and I presume you are agreeable to our taking same as read.

The balance at credit of profit and loss account is \$184,421.28 and after adding \$13,166.61 brought forward, and deducting \$60,000 interim dividend, there remains \$137,587.89 for distribution. We recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows—

To pay to Reserve Fund \$10,000, to pay a bonus to staff \$3,246.60, to pay a final dividend of \$1 per share \$60,000, to pay a bonus of \$1 per share \$60,000, and to carry forward to the credit of next year's account \$4,341.29.

The result appears to compare favourably with that of last year, but it is not really so, as, if you will refer to the previous year's accounts, you will see that it included the sum of \$57,000 odd profit on the sale of 5,000 Cement shares, while on the other hand, you will notice that our actual working account for the year just finished compares very favourably indeed with that of the previous year. We cannot of course always depend on paying dividends out of windfalls from the sale of shares, as the money now invested in shares will probably have to be realised for purposes to which I shall refer later on. I trust that the proposed distribution of the profit will meet with your approval and as regards the small item of \$3,246.60 bonus to staff I can assure you that this has been well earned by all those concerned.

You will notice that we have earned in rents \$13,340.94 which will be increased as the houses now being built come into occupation. These houses, I am pleased to say, have proved to be a very satisfactory investment for the Company.

REMOVAL TO NEW SITE.

As you are aware Extraordinary meetings are being held which, if passed, will increase the capital this year to \$2,000,000.

The purpose of this is, as you know, to enable us to transfer the factory from its present valuable site in Kennedy Town to a piece of ground across the harbour at Gindrinkers Bay.

We are promised this land for the new site by the Government at a nominal price of one cent per foot, but we reckon that to fill it in and prepare will cost from 80 cents to \$1 per foot, and to prepare a portion of the site for the building will we fear take at least 18 months under the most favourable circumstances and to be on the safe side perhaps I had better say two years.

When the Factory has been completely transferred to the new site, the old one will be available for further development or for sale whichever may seem best in your interests. We shall, of course, take the opportunity to re-organise and overhaul the whole Factory, scrapping any machinery that we find has become obsolete and substituting new and modern plant. We also intend to put down a small plant for making twine for which we find there is some demand.

As to finance, we cannot just yet estimate what all this will

BISHOP OF MACAO.

RUMOUR OF NEW POSITION UNTRUE.

A rumour has been circulating locally to the effect that the Right Rev. Mgr. Jose da Costa Nunes, Roman Catholic Bishop of Macao, is about to be appointed Patriarch of Goa.

The Bishop is extremely well-known in Hongkong, and the rumour has created a deal of interest amongst his numerous friends. We have, however, made enquiries on the subject, and we have the Bishop's authority for stating that the report is false.

TO-DAY.

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THE CAPITAL INCREASE.

As shareholders were strongly of opinion that the Company was under-capitalised at \$600,000 it was decided that the present site, which as I said is worth to-day \$11 to \$13 per foot, should be written up in our books to \$5.50 per foot and the increase amounting to \$901,736 has been transferred to the credit of profit and loss account. Against this the sum of \$900,000 will be paid out in bonus shares to that amount, thereby increasing the present capital to \$1,500,000, and this amount will again be raised to \$2,000,000 by the issue of 50,000 new shares at \$10 each. These changes will all be made this year, so do not appear in the accounts now before you.

As regards our prospects for the current year, we have not gone far enough for me to prophesy with any degree of safety. We have to contend with increased competition in our different markets and also with a constantly fluctuating Hemp Market in Manila, but we seem to be able to hold our own and a little more, and I trust we shall continue to do so during the present year.

Finally I have to ask your approval of the items in the profit and loss account of \$2,000 donation to War Memorial Fund and \$1,000 to the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund, which donations I feel sure need no recommendations from me.

I now propose that the report and Accounts as presented be adopted and passed and that the Profit of \$137,587.89 be divided as recommended. After that has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions from shareholders.

There were no questions asked. The motion was seconded by Mr. H. P. White and passed unanimously.

If it was proposed by Mr. W. J. Hawker and seconded by Mr. W. J. Carroll that the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. H. P. White and Mr. Allan Cameron be re-elected to the consulting committee. This was unanimously approved.

On the proposition by Mr. A. L. Shields, seconded by Mr. A. A. Cordeiro, Messrs. Linstead and Davis and Messrs. Percy Smith, Robert Fleming were unanimous in electing auditors at a remuneration of \$350 each.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

Rome, February 27.
The naval conference closed with an official declaration of
unanimity, which it is difficult to reconcile with the reports of dis-
sension among the delegates. Notwithstanding a semi-official denial,
the Spanish delegate has published a frank statement explaining that
he retired because he had failed to secure general support for a
tonnage of 105,000 instead of the permitted 83,000. Russia uncom-
promisingly claimed 400,000 tons, also the closure of the Baltic and
the Dardanelles to all warships.—*Reuter.*

NEW ZEALAND'S TRADE.

Wellington, Feb. 27.
The recent investigation of possibilities of opening trade with
Eastern countries has resulted in an offer from a Dutch shipping
company to provide a regular service, provided New Zealand
cancels its preferential duties imposed on products from Dutch India.
It is stated that the proposal is unlikely to be entertained, since
the Government prefers to make a greater effort to develop Empire
trade.—*Reuter.*

THE PARIS PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Paris, Feb. 27.
The produce exchange, which was compulsorily closed during
the past week, was permitted to re-open upon the representatives of
sugar, oil and rubber interests agreeing to stringent regulations,
such as the exclusion of foreigners and the reduction of periods for
the execution of contracts.—*Reuter.*

COTTON SPINNERS' STRIKE.

Manchester, Feb. 27.
The Cotton Spinners' Federation at Manchester gave notice of
a lockout of 150,000 cotton operatives one week hence, unless the
strike at Thornham is settled in the meantime.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT'S EARLY STRUGGLES.

London, Feb. 27.
Mr. Briant moved a Liberal motion in the House of Commons with
regard to the Poplar Poor Law Relief discussion. Mr. Asquith sup-
ported the motion.—*Reuter.*

MINERAL OIL IN HOLLAND.

The Hague, Feb. 27.
The Government Mineral Research Department borings resulted
in the discovery of oil at Winterswijk, but the extent of the deposits
is not yet ascertained.—*Reuter.*

CHINA COAST OFFICERS.

LATEST CHANGES.

Captain J. D. Fraser, of the
M. Hoang, is on reserve, Captain
M. Hopkins, from reserve, has gone
master, Ichang.

Mr. W. R. Kermod, has been
appointed supply second officer,
Kashang.

Mr. H. A. Settle, from reserve,
has gone supply second officer,
Fashan.

Mr. W. J. Belcher, third en-
gineer, Szechuen, has gone second
engineer, Shengking. Mr. C. S.
Murray, from reserve, has gone
third engineer, Szechuen.

Mr. W. L. Bloodworth, second
engineer, Shengking, is on reserve.
Mr. J. W. Ridley, third engineer,
Newchwang, is on reserve. Mr.
A. Lockerie has been appointed
third engineer, Newchwang.

Captain H. W. Chandler, of the
Chipsing, has gone master, Yat-
shing. Captain C. E. Webb, of the
Yatshing, is on leave.

Mr. N. Richardson, third officer,
Chipsing, has gone third officer,
Hopsang.

Mr. R. G. Lowden, third officer,
Hopsang, has gone third officer,
Chipsing.

Mr. L. McRae, second officer,
Leesang, is on reserve.

Mr. H. F. Carey, from reserve,
has gone supply second officer,
Kungwo.

Mr. H. W. Fraser, supply third
engineer, Kutwo, has gone supply
third engineer, Tingsang.

Mr. J. Ibbotson, from reserve,
has gone second officer, Seistan.

Captain A. N. Seaton, from re-
serve, has gone master, Taille.

Captain T. Fletcher, of the Tai-
lee, is on reserve.

SERVICE SQUADRON.

WEST AUSTRALIA'S RECEPTION.

Perth, W. Australia, Feb.
27.—A Special Service Squadron
has arrived. The ships came at
daybreak, in glorious weather,
witnessed by immense crowds of
enthusiastic people. Aeroplanes
flew over the warships, and swarms
of gaily decorated rivercraft
greeted the visitors.—*Reuter.*

Mr. E. A. Neilson, second officer,
Holsang, is on reserve.

Mr. R. M. de la Sala, from re-
serve, has gone chief officer,
Kasara.

Mr. C. S. Robb, from reserve,
has gone chief officer, Phranang.

Mr. C. Mason, chief officer,
Phranang, has gone master, same
ship.

Captain H. C. Kiddie, of the
Phranang, has gone master, Yue
Ying Wa. Captain W. Ross, of
the Yue Ying Wa, is on reserve.

Captain E. G. Rapley, from
reserve, has gone master, New
Mathilda. Captain J. H. von den
Berg, of the New Mathilda, is on
reserve.

Mr. T. A. Nicholas, from reserve,
has gone second officer, Lorestan.

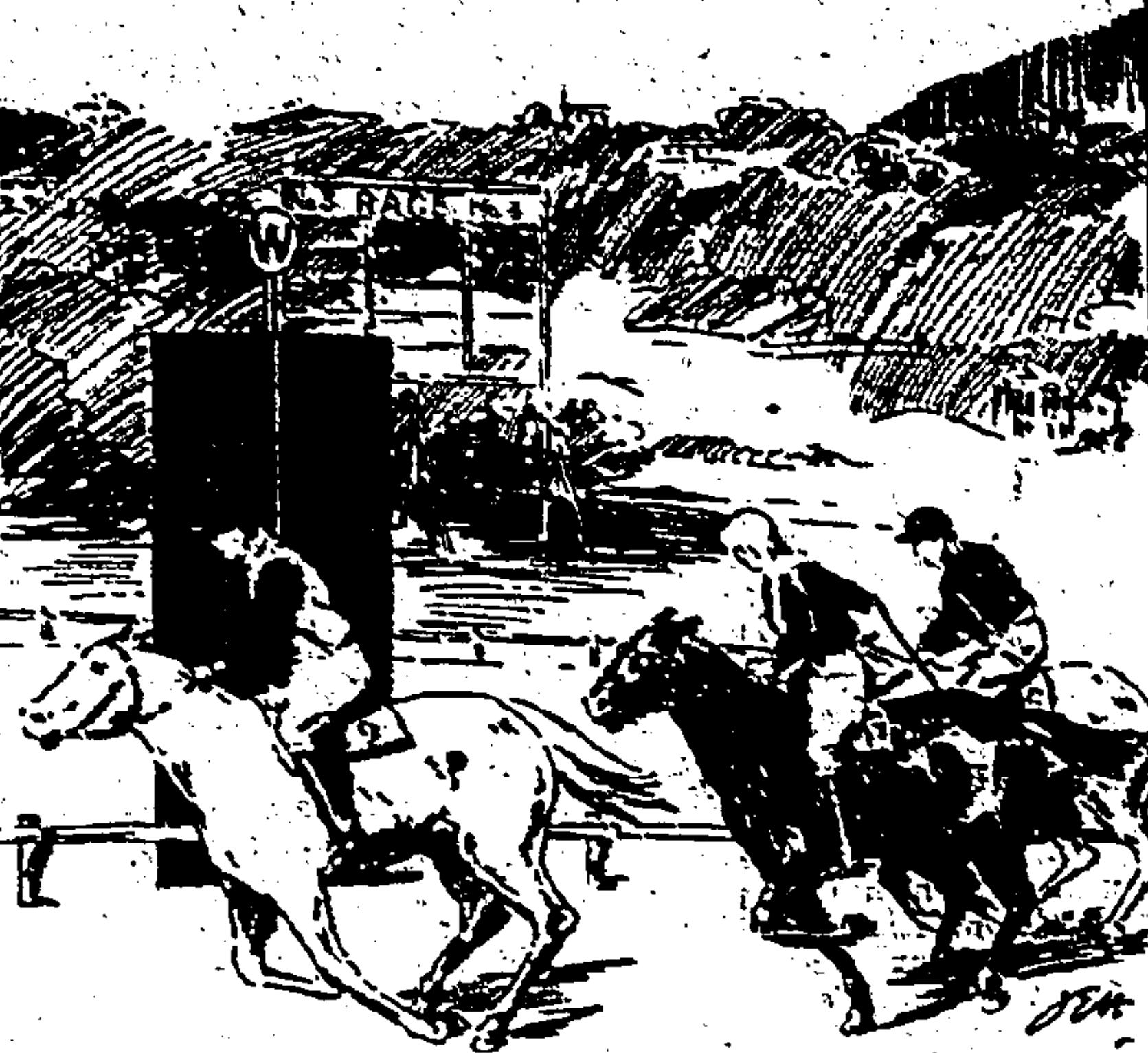
Mr. E. P. Smith, second officer,
Lorestan, has gone second officer,
Frangestan.

Mr. H. P. Francis, second officer,
Frangestan, has gone acting chief
officer, same ship.

Mr. W. R. Reynolds, chief officer,
Frangestan, has gone acting
master, same ship.

Captain G. B. Mercer, of the
Frangestan, is on leave.

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struction of old style telephone
equipment in the earthquake, the
Tokyo Telephone Bureau has
announced that all of the tele-
phone central offices destroyed in
the September disaster will be
replaced with automatic tele-
phone equipment, reports the
Japan Advertiser.

This statement was made
recently by Mr. Naokazu Shim-
izu, Superintendent of the Tokyo
Telephone Bureau.

The installation of automatic
telephones will greatly facilitate
the use of telephones by foreign-
ers who do not understand
Japanese, as a number is ob-
tained by shifting numerical
figures on a dial attached to the
telephone instead of calling an
operator and asking for the
number.

COMPLETION IN 1925.

The present plans for restor-
ation of the telephone system
will not be completed until 1925,
and meanwhile work of tem-
porary restoration will be rushed
to meet present needs of sub-
scribers.

As a result of the September
earthquake, 16 out of 20 telephone
central offices in the city were
destroyed, causing damage esti-
mated at ¥150,000,000. Mr. Shim-
izu said: "Many improvements
must be made in the Tokyo tele-
phone system, but the first and
most important step the Bureau
has decided to adopt is an auto-
matic telephone system for the
new telephone central offices,
some of which are already under
construction."

This system will eliminate
considerable waste of labour for

the Bureau because numbers are
obtained by shifting number
figures on a dial attached to the
telephone.

Work of constructing six
telephone central offices on the
former sites where no land read-
justment is necessary is under
way and they are expected to be
completed by September. The
construction of the rest of the
telephone centres will take place
pending the completion of the
land finished by the beginning of
next year. Telephone apparatus
for these central offices already
has been ordered from America
and several Japanese concerns,
but the order was so large that
the goods will not be received
until September. At any rate, we
are planning to install the auto-
matic telephones as soon as
possible.

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Before the earthquake Tokyo
had 110,000 telephones which
were subscribed to by 82,000
persons. As a result of the
destruction of 16 telephone offices
by the quake, the number of
subscribers was reduced to 18,000.
In addition to this the long
distance call station situated in
the Marunouchi was destroyed
completely.

The authorities, however, made
a desperate effort to establish
communication with other parts
of the country immediately
following the quake and succeed-
ed in the attempt on the sixth
day after the earthquake by using
old and imperfect apparatus. In
the meantime, work of restoring
the telephone service in Tokyo had
been rushed, and by September 5
about 200 telephones connecting
the Imperial Household Depart-
ment and government buildings
were restored.

Equipment in the four central
offices which escaped fire was
damaged by the earthquake.
They have been gradually
repaired however and by Septem-
ber 29 were completely perfected.
The long distance telephone

was not restored completely until
December 1. The telephone ex-
changes now operating are
Aoyama, Takanawa, Koishikawa,
and Ushigome, all of which are
situated uptown. Mr. Shimizu
reports that the Marunouchi
center will be opened on Febru-
ary 10 and the Yotsuya centre
on March 10.

SPECIAL SERVICE INSTALLED.

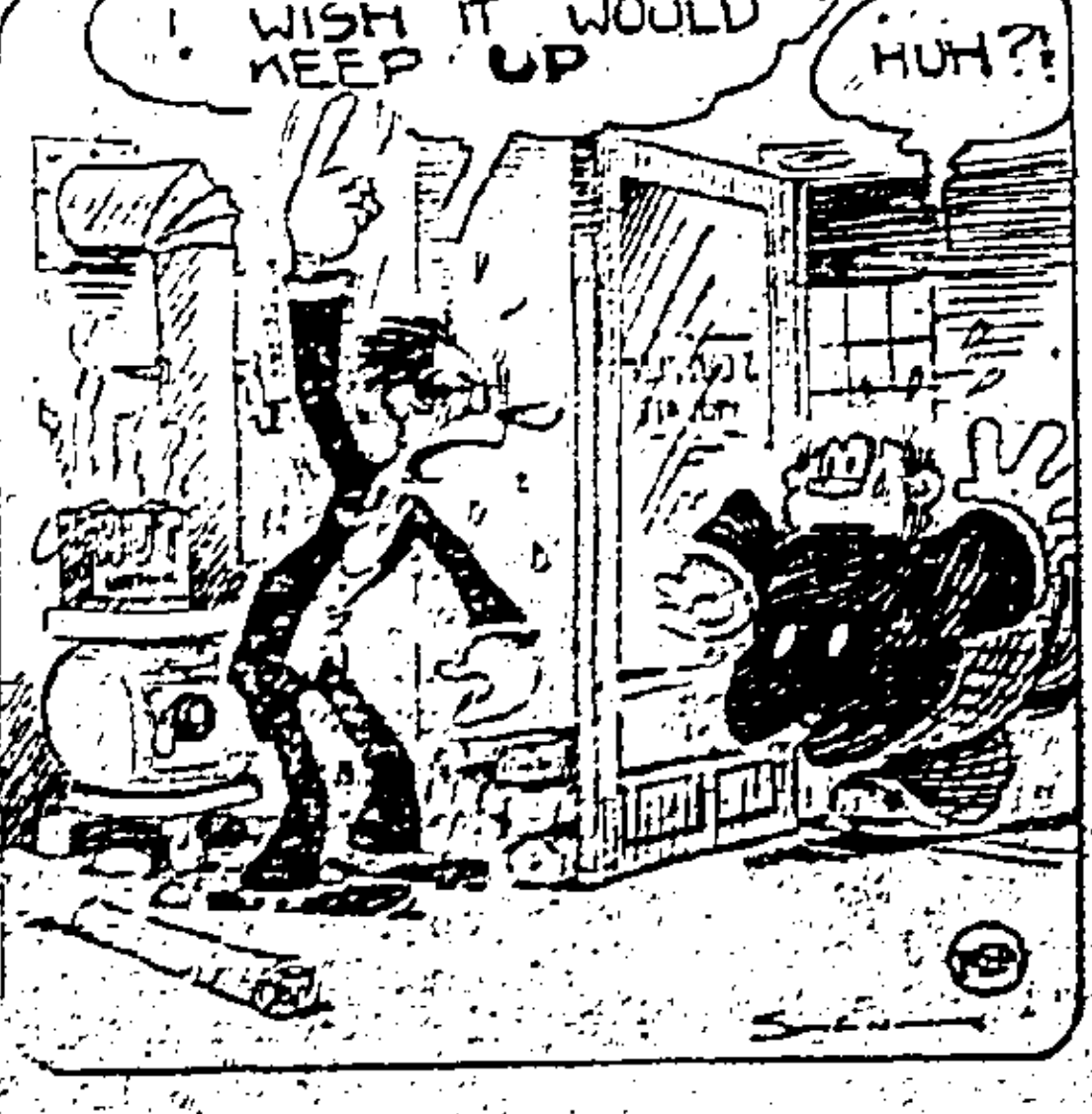
As a measure to meet the
immediate need pending the
installation of the automatic
telephone service, the telephone
bureau has been establishing the
so-called special telephone service
which is somewhat similar to
the private exchange in the
American telephone system.
About 200 subscribers living
within three cho of a telephone
centre who are urgently in need
of a telephone service may make
an application for the establish-
ment of a sub-centre. The es-
tablishment of the sub-centre
costs about ¥300 for each sub-
scriber and is to be operated at
the expense of the Telephone
Bureau. Thirteen sub-centres
already have been established
and 65 are authorized the pre-
quake rate for this service.

Another emergency measure is
the introduction of an improved
system of both telephones, simi-
lar to those operating in large
railway stations in America.
This telephone station is operat-
ed by a regular telephone op-
erator with a number of messen-
ger boys. These messenger boys
will carry a telephone call any-
where within five cho of the
place where the station is situat-
ed at a charge of 10 sen per
call. Fifteen stations of this
kind have been established,
some of which are situat-
ed at the Marunouchi Build-
ing, Stock Exchange Building,
the Ginza and near Kyobashi,
and 50 are authorized. Besides
these emergency measures the
bureau is planning to establish at
least 500 public telephones in
various sections of the city.

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JAPAN AND SINGAPORE.

Press Critics' Views on Base.

Tokyo, Feb. 11.—The advent to power of a Labour Cabinet in Great Britain has brought to the fore once again the question of the establishment of a naval base by the island empire of the North Sea at Singapore, which it is declared refers keenly to the safety of Japan and which, if it provokes Japan to war with Great Britain, will also provoke a racial war. The comments, however, lack the sting and the bite that characterized the vigorous editorials that were written when the plan was first mooted, and generally take the form of "sweet reasonableness" that when Great Britain has been shown the folly of her ways, the scheme will be abandoned.

The *Hochi*, a big Japanese daily whose circulation is confidently reported to be over 1,000,000, in an editorial, appeals to the "common-sense of the British working man to prevail and to give a fillip to world peace by crushing the plan to turn Singapore into a vast modern fortress."

"The attitude of the British Labour party towards the Indian question and towards the Singapore naval base," it states, "are to us the most interesting of all the policies of the new British cabinet. The Singapore base question is the more important because it refers keenly to the safety of Japan. From the attitude hitherto adopted by the Labour party, it seems as though the scheme will be dropped. Mr. Hays, a Labour member, declared his opposition to the plan and warned the Government that in the event of an outbreak of war between Great Britain and Japan, other coloured men would support the Yellow nation. Labour members in the House of Commons also questioned Mr. Baldwin, when the Conservatives were in power, regarding the Singapore base and declared that they did not see any use for proceeding with the scheme."

"If the Singapore plan is cast overboard a great impetus to world peace will be the result and this will be much appreciated by the Japanese people, not to mention the fact that the abandonment of the base will improve Japanese feeling toward Great Britain. If the Labour party wishes to further world peace and a harmonious understanding amongst the nations, then one essential is that the Singapore naval base should be abandoned."

EARTHQUAKE LOSSES.

Declaring that the establishment of a vast naval base at Singapore will embroil Japan, China, Great Britain and the United States sooner or later and that the earthquake of last September, with its calamitous fires, has considerably weakened Japan's defence establishments, the *Yomiuri Shimbun*, also a Tokyo daily with a large following and one that is generally inclined towards liberalism but sometimes wobbles into the quicksands of imperialism and then bangs the big drum with more impudence than dignity, pleads that the Singapore naval base scheme be rejected by the Labour Cabinet. Its reasons are many and varied and are interesting in that some of them have not been advanced before, although the papers have dealt with the subject of the proposed naval station almost voluminously.

The question, says the *Yomiuri*, of establishing a naval base at Singapore is a direct challenge to Japan. If war comes, the struggle will be between the yellow and the white races, and Japan will never attempt to strike the tinder that will cause such a conflagration. The heavy losses sustained on account of the earthquake and the resultant fires, in respect of our national defence, finance and economics are better known to American and British statesmen than to us journalists. British upholders may say that the object of the base is in order to be prepared for the defence of Australia and for retaining India. This plan, if carried out, may excite anger among the Indian masses to the detriment of British authorities there. Even if Great Britain gains certain advantages in Australia she will lose much more in India, China and Japan.

"BRITAIN THREATENS WORLD."

The little stepping stones, like Malta, Aden, Ceylon, Singapore have been the means of making

and consolidating the British Empire and have resulted in "British Imperialism which threatens the whole world" is the exact argument the *Yomiuri* summons in its attack on the Singapore base scheme. The Singapore plan calls for the extension of defensive systems and oil stations at Malta, Ceylon, Aden and other strategic points. This will be viewed with suspicion, not only by Japan, but also by European nations, like Holland and France. Holland is already experiencing financial difficulties on account of the additions she has made to her navy—as a result of the British plan to fortify Singapore—in order that she can defend the neutrality of her East Indian possessions against either one or other of the combatants. Japan in the ostensible enemy that the Singapore scheme is providing against, and this menace to us prevent the Japanese from effecting disarmament on a bigger scale and plays directly into the hands of our militarists and fire-eaters. Any menace to Japan will be resented by the Chinese too, for it will ultimately be a threat to our neighbour also."

PROVOKING AMERICA.

The Singapore naval base plan is also a provocation against the United States, according to a further contention of the *Yomiuri*. "Who can say," it asks, "that Singapore may not be utilized as a base against the United States in the event of an Anglo-American war? America has the Philippines, Guam and Hawaii. Her trade relations with China are important. Thus if Great Britain fortifies Singapore, the United States will be justified in further strengthening Pearl Harbour and Cavite and in increasing the strength of her standing squadrons on the Asiatic station and the Pacific. International unrest will result and all hopes for a closer union between the English-speaking nations of the world will be lost."

The apparent purpose of the plan is to defend Australia. The suspicion that Japan will attack Australia is due to Japanophobia. If there were no Japan in the Pacific Australia would be regarded as free from all apprehension and menace. As a matter of fact, one reason why Australia is in an everlasting nightmare of fear is her own selfishness. Japan is ready to take up the gauntlet if provoked. But she does not want to be the provoker or to be provoked. Suppose Japan had to go to war, it would be with the whole of the British Empire. It will be really a declaration of war on all white peoples, which would be foolish. As there are no Japanese who would go to war with the United States on account of the California immigration restrictions, so there are no Japanese who would care to go to war with Great Britain because of Australia's White Policy ideas. Why then should the Singapore base be built.

"To be brief, the plan will ultimately hurt Great Britain more than anyone else. It will not only rouse the suspicions of the Eastern nations but will also excite the jealousy of various European Powers."

In the course of an essay, rather than an editorial, the Tokyo *Nichi Nichi* (*Tokyo Daily News*), a paper with distinct Liberal leanings, asks to know whether a warless world is feasible. Replying to its own question that it is feasible, it says that such will be only if provocations for war are eliminated and suppressed as they arise. "The Singapore naval base is steering the world to war, to a worse war than the one that made a shambles of Europe. Missionaries argue sanctimoniously about how to prevent the next war, make pious generalizations that another war must not be and while the Singapore naval base, an incentive to struggle, stares them in the face make no attempt to use their influence to have an end made of it. And thus, by leaving what leads to war to remain, they want to end wars."

SILVER RUSH TO KLONDYKE.

The Klondyke is in the grip of another gold and silver rush. At the head of the Beaver river, fifty miles west of Keno Hill, a silver and gold discovery of gigantic proportions has started a stampede from Keno and from Mayo, the major mining settlement of the Yukon, to the new country where it is said official says reveal pay dirt running on a hundred ounces of silver to the ton. There is gold in the district too, according to despatches reaching the Dawson News.

HEART-BEAT OF THE TREE.

Sir J. C. Bose's Interesting Tests.

Lecturing before the Royal Society of Medicine, with the President, Sir William Hale-White in the Chair, Sir J. C. Bose, F. R. S. gave further details of his discoveries on circulation and assimilation in plants.

His experiments showed that a definite active tissue extends throughout the length of the tree the cellular pulsations of which in regular sequence cause, by their pumping action, the movement of sap. He drew attention to the astonishing similarities of the effect of various agents on the circulation in the plant and in the animal. The arrested pulsations in both are assimilated revived by stimulus, and certain stimulating drugs cause a very great increase of throbbing activity in both.

The water pumped up by the root of a tree exerts intravascular pressure, and profuse exudation takes place when a hole is drilled in the tree. The palms, however, exert no root pressure; the sap is held very tenaciously in the trunk, and a hole drilled into it causes no exudation of sap. Yet after certain special treatment the tree yields very large quantities of sap which contains sugar. No explanation has hitherto been found for the copious exudation in the absence of stimulating internal pressure.

Sir J. C. Bose's investigations show that a dormant or inactive tissue is roused to intense activity under repeated irritation. In certain palms the sugar-containing sap is yielded by the inflorescence, and the coercion employed by Eastern cultivators in entire ignorance of the scientific purpose is interesting. The Malays inflict repeated blows for several days, with a wooden hammer, on the base of the flower-stalk; after this one incision made at the top of the spadix is followed by copious exudation. In Bengal the practice is different: the long spadix is held tightly between the fingers and kneaded downwards. This potential milking process is continued for about a week, after which the yield of the sap becomes abundant.

To localize the active layer in the tree and obtain an actual record of the internal pulsation, it was necessary to get access to the smallest unit of life—i.e. the individual cell. Although the pulsation of a cell is ultra-microscopic, Sir J. C. Bose has detected it by his electric probe in circuit with a recording galvanometer. The records of this instrument go to show that any agent which quickens or arrests the heart-beat of the animal also quickens or inhibits the heart-beat of the tree. He exhibited his photosynthetic recorder in action, by which the normal carbon assimilation of the plant and any variation induced in the rate become immediately recorded.

JUVENILE CRIME.

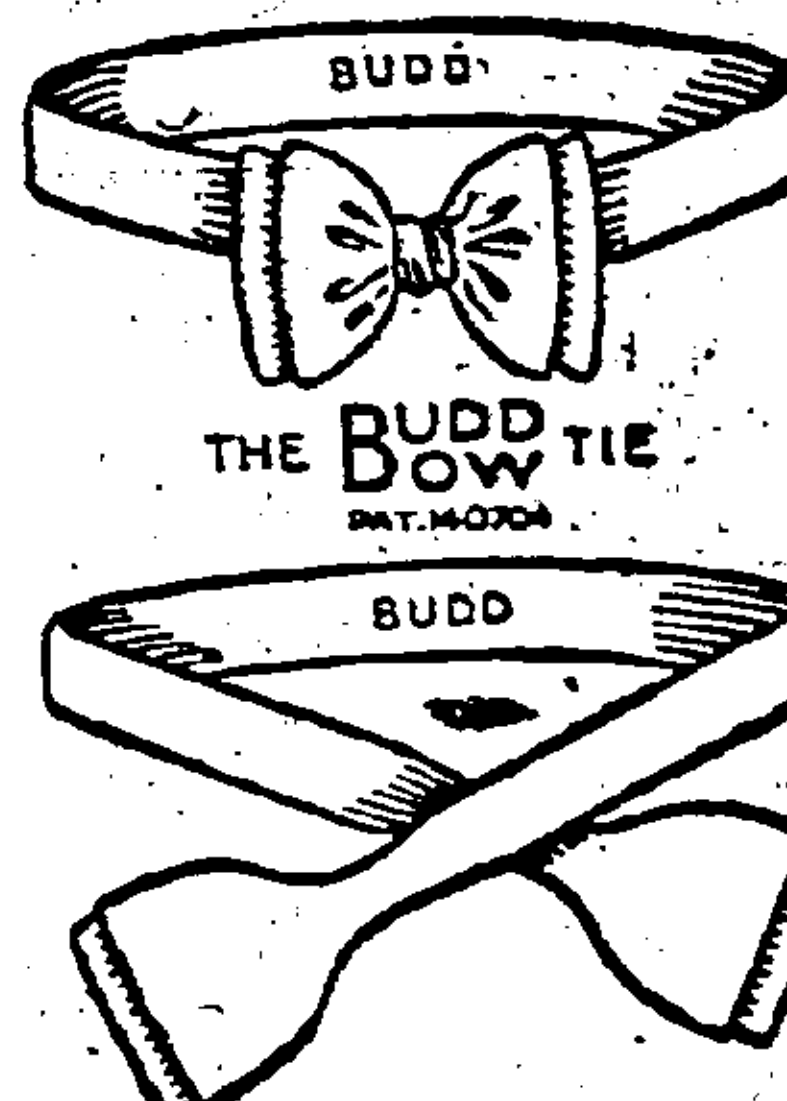
Epidemic in Japan.

The extent of juvenile crime in Tokyo is alarming the authorities, states the *Japan Chronicle*. Two thousand two hundred boys and girls were arrested there during last year, and even in the last four months, the period following the earthquake, when the police were too busy to be very particular and when great numbers of people had left the city, the average was almost maintained, with a total of 638 arrests. The procurators sent many away with a warning, but considered it necessary to convict 605 of the offenders. The most common crime among children lately has been the snatching of goods from shops and stalls. There have been few cases of other thefts or of personal injury, but large numbers of the children have been caught. Some have been arrested for boarding trains without tickets—a pardonable offence after the great disaster—and some more mischievous imps for cutting the temporary telephone wires. The spreading of wild rumours is another offence mentioned; in this regard the police will have their work cut out if they are to stop every boy and girl from repeating and enlarging upon the alarming things they hear in a time of excitement. Finally, we have the crime of deserting aged parents. The morals of the Japanese are certainly deteriorating if neglect of aged relatives is becoming at all common.

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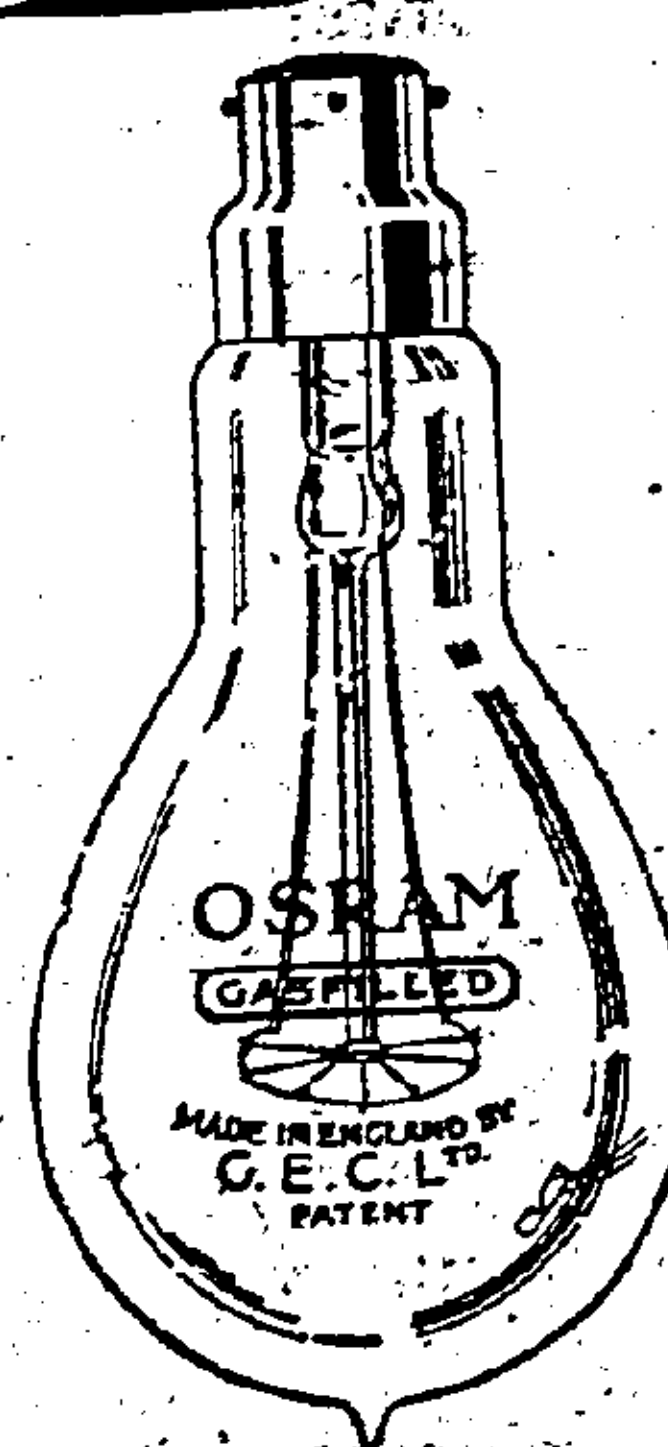
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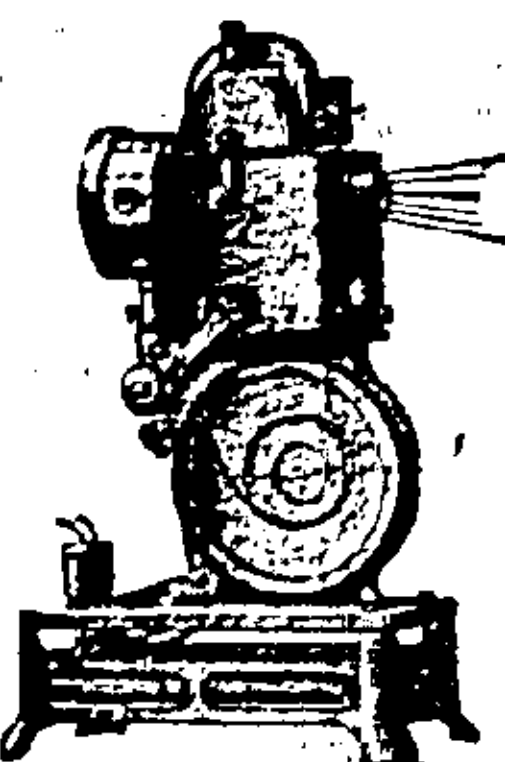
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd. on Thursday the 6th. March 1924 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March 1924 both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
 General Managers.

NOTICE

An examination will be held shortly for the post of Boy Writer in H. M. Naval Yard, commencing pay \$36 a month. Candidates must be over 15 and under 19 years of age on 1st. March 1924 and applications to complete should be in candidates' own handwriting and should reach the Civil Secretary, H. M. Naval Yard, not later than the 8th. March.

Subjects of examination: Arithmetic (including tons), Dictation and Handwriting.

S. COLLETT,
 Civil Secretary,
 H. M. NAVAL YARD.
 Hongkong, 23rd. February 1924.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st. December 1923, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th. day of February 1924, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
 A. G. STEPHEN
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 23rd. Feb. 1924.

THE Owners of a s. s. "Honam" invite sealed tenders for the purchase of this vessel, either for breaking up purposes or running. Tenders must be subject to the conditions of sale which may be inspected at the Company's Office or at the office of the Company's solicitors, Messrs. Deacon, Harson and Shanton, Hongkong.

The Company does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.
 By order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 19th. Feb. 1924.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, St. George Building, on Monday, 3rd March 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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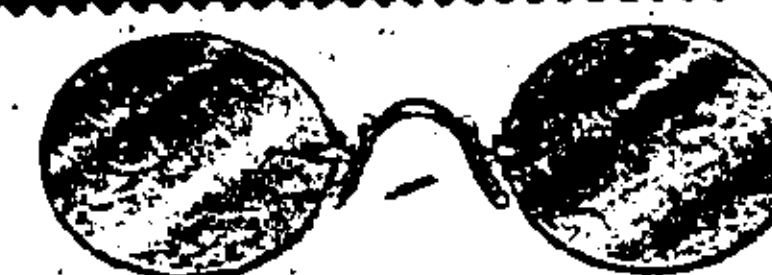
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THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 28th. February 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st. December, 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday the 21st. February 1924 until Thursday 28th. February 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.
 General Managers
 Hongkong, 9th. February 1924.

NOTICE.

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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday the 4th March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st. December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Tuesday the 19th February 1924 until Tuesday the 4th day of March, 1924, both days inclusive. By order of the Board of Directors,
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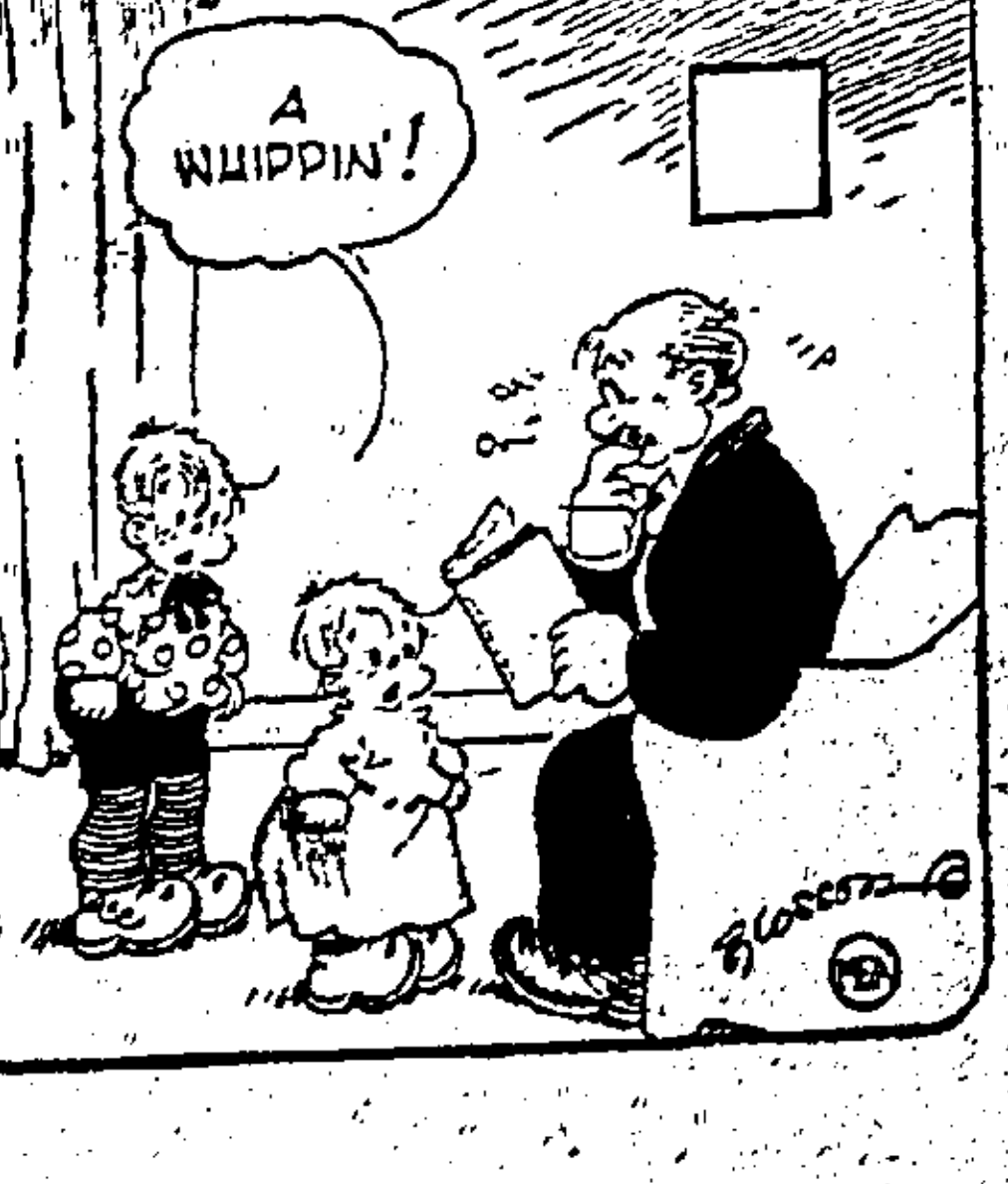
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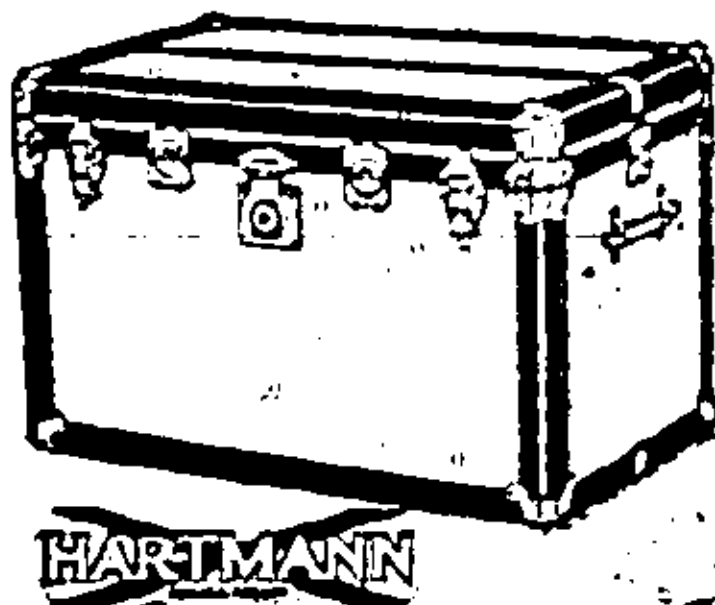
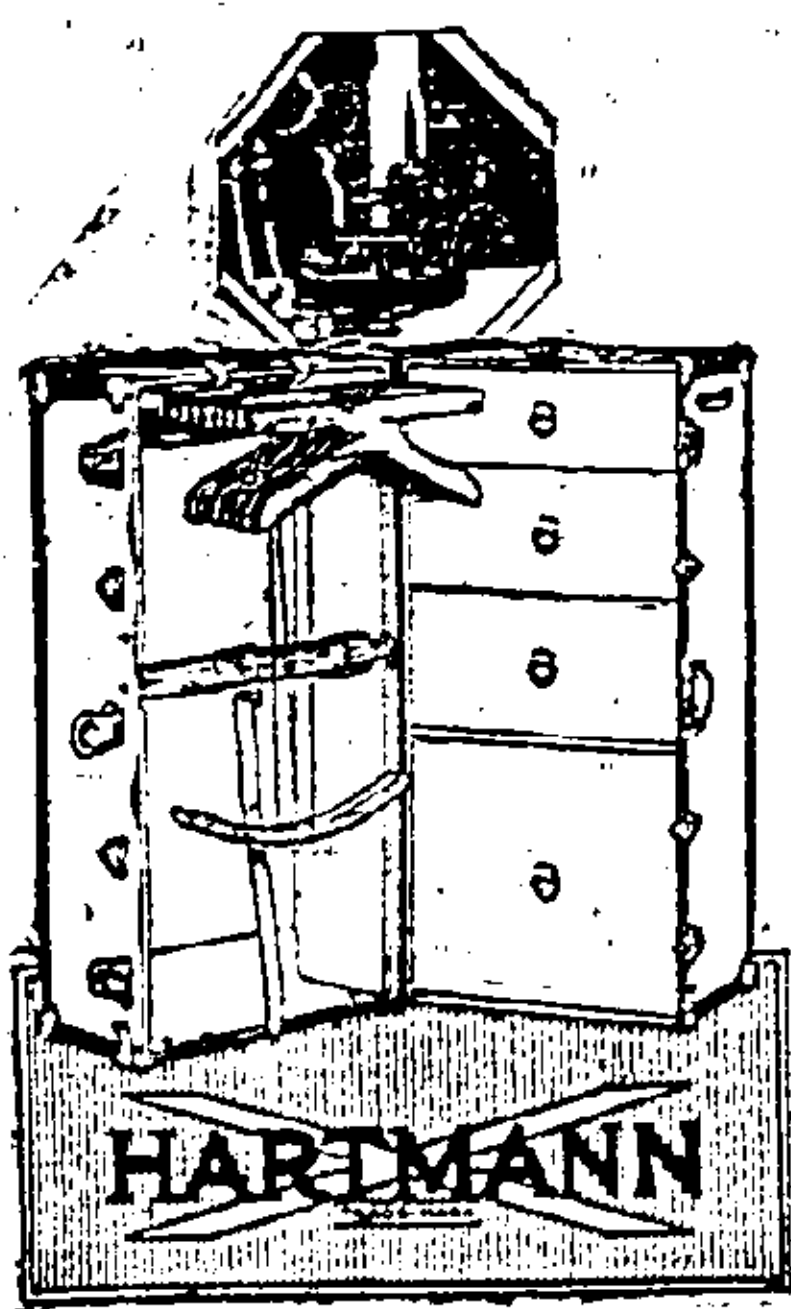


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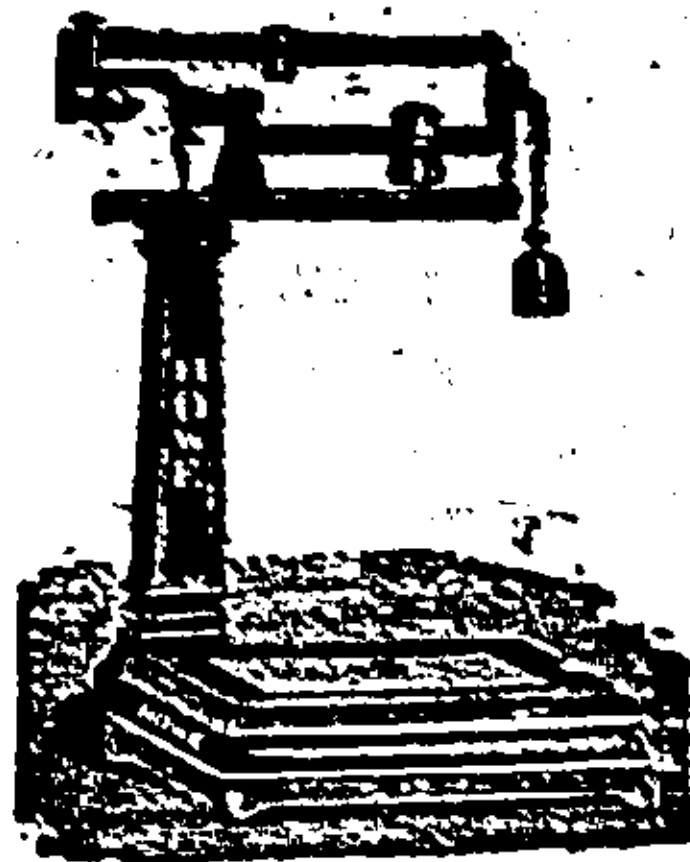
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DEATH.

SOUSA. On the 27th. February, 1934, at Manila, P.I. Miguel Francisco de Sousa, the dearly beloved husband of Filomena Baptista de Sousa. Shanghai, Hankow and Straits Settlements papers please copy.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 28th Feb., 1934.

BUSES BEST.

The fact was disclosed at yesterday's meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company that a tender had been sent in by that concern for the rights of operation a system in Kowloon. It has been known for some time past that several companies have responded to the Government's invitation for tenders, but there is still considerable doubt as to whether Kowloon will have any trams at all. The current Budget, it is true, makes provision for expenditure in connection with the laying of the track, but from the remarks made at the Budget meeting it would appear that the Government itself is in doubt as to the relative merits of trams and motor buses. As we judge the situation, the Government, before coming to a final decision on the subject, is desirous of securing definite data on the comparative costs of establishing and maintaining tram and bus services, because this would be a factor in the eventual charges to be made to the public. We presume it is for this specific reason that tenders have been called for; the taking of such a step certainly does not imply that trams are to be decided upon. No doubt the tenderers are fully conscious of that point.

We are not convinced, however, that the question of cost should by any means be the deciding factor on this question. It is admittedly an important one, but efficiency of service, mobility, and the preservation of our roads are also matters which should be taken into serious consideration. Indeed, if the Government has no real intention of approving a tramway scheme, we cannot see that much is to be gained from the calling of tenders. The question of cost could, we should have thought, have been disposed of by the collection of figures relating to localities where both

trams and buses have been given a trial. Still so long as nothing is done to commit Kowloon to a tramway system, no great harm will have resulted from the securing of definite estimates of cost.

Our idea is that it would be a thousand pities to introduce trams in Kowloon. Apart from the disfiguring of the main roads of the peninsula, the adoption of such a system would not give the community nearly as good a service as could be obtained by motor buses, which are far more flexible and can be switched off to particular localities as and when the circumstances justify the tapping of new districts. There are many other reasons which could be cited in favour of buses as distinct from trams, and we are not without hope that the Government will soon finally resolve to abandon the tramway idea and take steps to assure the community across the harbour a modern and adequate motor bus service.

Military Orchestra Concert.

It is said that the British race is not, as a whole, appreciative of music, and that charge has often been levelled against the residents of the British Crown Colonies. Judging by the poor encouragement given in Hongkong to celebrated musicians who have appeared here from time to time, one feels that the criticism is really deserved. Still, there is a difference between the efforts of one performer, or just a few musicians, and an orchestra, and the encouraging attendance at the concerts given by the Philharmonic Society show that Hongkong does not lack a large body of music-lovers. So we feel confident that there will be many present at the orchestral concert to be given in the Theatre Royal on March 13th. This will be the first time that the full band of the 1st Bn. East Surrey Regiment will be giving the public an opportunity of listening to its rendering of selected classical pieces, and knowing what we do of the quality of the offering we are confident that a treat is in store. We understand that the promoters of this concert are making it a test to see if the Colony really wants good music. The programme is to be a fine one, with a range of choice pieces, the musicians are highly skilled and they come under the baton of a clever conductor. It is to be an opportunity for the local public to prove that it has an appreciation of the real thing.

Naval Construction.

One feature of the new Government's attempt to alleviate unemployment has already caused considerable discussion. This is the proposal to build a number of new cruisers. The first intimation was received by a section of the House of Commons with ironical cheers, almost jeers, as it seems directly opposed to Labour's declared pacific and economical policy. Further reports indicate that the Liberals are the main opponents of the idea; the majority of Labourites apparently being sullenly acquiescent so as not to embarrass their Cabinet. However, the scheme appears to be all but put through, and will probably receive very strong support from the country as a whole. Apart from the provision of work for thousands of men, whether ashore or afloat, who would otherwise be unemployed, the proposal opens up a wider vista—that of adequate Imperial defence and general preparedness. It is pleasing to note that the Labour influence in the Government is not actuated by hide-bound party principles, but is ready to take a broad-minded view of national safety measures. It is a very good augury for the future.

NEW YOKOHAMA HOTEL.

A new, semi-permanent hotel, built of light but fireproof and quakeproof materials, is to be erected in Shin-Yamashitacho, Yokohama, opposite the site of the Grand Hotel on the reclaimed land. This hotel, which is to be known as the Acropolis, will cost Yen 100,000, and several business men, headed by Mr. Atheneo Mayromaki, are interested. As soon as the hotel is completed and ready for business shares in the hotel company will be placed on the open market.

DAY BY DAY.

WE ARE NOW TRAVELLING ON THE OLD ROAD ON WHICH EUROPE TRAVELLED BEFORE THE LAST GREAT WAR.—Lord Grey.

Six further cases of small-pox, all Chinese, were notified yesterday.

Warrant—Engineer L. V. Hanser joins the *Titanic* at Hongkong for a spell of duty here.

Rajah Brooke of Sarawak is leaving for Home by the P. and O. mail departing from Singapore to-day.

Men-of-war in port flew their flags at half-mast to-day in consequence of the death of an aunt of the King of Italy.

It is reported in Canton papers that so far a sum of about ten thousand dollars has been received by the Government from the Soviet envoy now in Canton.

At the Marine Court this morning, the masters of the motor boats Wing Cheung, and Wo Yu were fined \$20 and \$10 respectively for carrying excess passengers.

There will be a Cinematograph display for children at the Helena May Institute on Friday February 29th at 5.30. The Pathé University machine will be used.—*Adit.*

A Chinese was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries caused by being knocked down by a tramcar in Des Voeux Road Central.

Amongst the passengers who arrived on the *Empress of Asia* were Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Aucott, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Rolfe and Mr. E. F. L. Sturdee. The last-named joins the local office of the Canadian Pacific Steamships.

A report from Cavite, Philippine Island, received here states that floating mines have been reported in the vicinity of Latitude 34.51 North, Longitude 139.14 east. The message warns vessels of the danger and asks for reports by radio if mines are sighted.

In a cricket match between the University First XI and the Navy, played on the former's ground yesterday, the Navy declared with a score of 181 for eight wickets, Abelson scoring 42, Lambton 41 and Besant 31. The University replied with 166 for seven wickets, and the match was therefore drawn.

Capt. R. R. Turner, D.S.O., Royal Navy, just advanced to that rank, is very well known on the China Station, where until recently he was Commander of the *Ambrose*, depot ship of the Fourth Submarine Flotilla on this station. He won the D.S.O. in the Great War as a Commander of a submarine flotilla in 1916.

Mr. H. E. Byram, President of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, will be a passenger from Seattle to the Far East on the *Admiral Oriental* liner President McKinley, due at Hongkong on March 18th. Mr. Byram is president of one of the most important trans-continental American Railways and is a figure well known in the railroad world.

MEMORIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS.

Appeal For Brotherly Understanding.

Washington, February 27. A joint session of Congress was held in honour of the memory of the late Mr. Harding, President Coolidge, Mrs. Harding, the members of the Diplomatic Corps, and Mrs. Hughes in an eloquent address declared that Mr. Harding's death was due to his exhaustion of himself in the service of his country, and concluded with the charge that Mr. Harding's spirit of brotherly understanding must characterise his countrymen if American life were to be worth living.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE MEXICAN CAMPAIGN.

Tampico, February 27. The Federal forces have occupied Tapan without meeting any resistance, the rebels having evacuated the town on the 25th.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A LOCAL CAUSERIE.

[BY "IMPRESSIONIST"]

The late Bishop Pozzoni, whose death occurred last week amidst expressions of the most profound regret in all quarters, has left behind him a record of unbroken service to the cause of the poor and needy. Arriving in Hongkong as one of a band of self-sacrificing missionaries sent out to China by the religious order at Milan, he was engaged for very many years in active missionary work in the interior and also in the immediate mainland, until his nomination and consecration as Bishop of this Diocese in 1905. Far from this offering any hindrance to a task to which he had devoted his whole energies, he availed himself of the additional resources provided by his new position to minister to the material and spiritual comforts of the poor. It is chiefly in connection with this side of his character that his memory will endure with many as a man to be revered for his purity of purpose; in the same way that the many flourishing benevolent and scholastic institutions in the Colony and the mainland will stand as a striking tribute to his unabated energy. At his obsequies, which were attended by many visitors from Macao and Canton, a number of Chinese women were quite overcome and gave visible manifestation of their deep sorrow.

A period of, perhaps, six months will have to elapse before it is known who will be the successor to the late Bishop. Nomination in these cases is made by His Holiness the Pope on the recommendation of the Superior of the Order at Milan to which the local Italian priests belong. In the meantime it is announced that Fr. Spada, who ranks in seniority next to the late Bishop, will act as "Pro-Vicar Apostolic." Consecration of a new Bishop, which includes, according to Roman Catholic usage, the anointing and "laying on of hands" on the candidate, is usually carried out by a Senior Bishop, with the assistance of two other prelates. The last ceremony of this kind took place at the local Cathedral a couple of years ago, when the present Bishop of Canton, then Fr. Gautier, received his authority from three Prelates, of whom the late Bishop Pozzoni was one.

There is still a deal of comment locally on the piracy evil. One can genuinely sympathise with those whose responsibility for the safety of the ships has placed them on continual tenterhooks of anxiety for the whole period of the trip, not knowing when the dreaded attack might take place, and heaving a sigh of relief when each trip is safely accomplished without any untoward occurrence. We have the very recent case of a ship's officer who died under very tragic circumstances. When the Coroner's enquiry was held afterwards to investigate these, the statements heard from witnesses pointed to the strong probability of the officer having taken his life whilst labouring under an obsession that pirates were contemplating an attack on his ship. Commanding a vessel which plies in pirate-infested waters is not a very enviable job.

About the only landlubber who had the "highest expectations" from the "On Lee" case, was the enterprising cameraman from a local "movie" exchange who took his stand on Wednesday last at Blake Pier to "shoot" the alleged pirates as they landed under police escort. Unfortunately, what with the eager throng of loafers pressing forward to have a close "look-see" of the apparatus itself, and the generally murky condition of the weather, the results obtained were rather disappointing. The roll was exposed for a matter of only a few yards, and the cast did not, alas, act true to life. The demeanour of the few "pirates" who got into the picture was indeed disappointing, being described as "very tame." As a consequence, Hongkong's far-famed pirates will go forth before the world, when the film is completed, as disconsolate coolies hugging closely unto themselves baskets of putrid salt-fish in one case, and, in another, as a youth, harmless looking enough, equipped with nothing more fearsome than a load of wooden clogs placed astride his shoulder!

Whatever explanation may be found for the origin of the shots

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

NEW OFFICIAL MEMBER.

The Hon. Mr. E. D. E. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police, took the customary oaths on taking his seat on the Council, in place of Mr. A. E. Irving, until recently Director of Education.

REVENUE OFFICER'S BRAVERY.

Prior to the commencement of business, His Excellency the Governor presented Chief Preventive Officer Clarke with the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate for saving life in July last, when, at great personal risk to himself, he effected the rescue of Tse Chung-lin, a teacher from Canton, who, having first tied his wife to him, jumped into the harbour during the height of a typhoon storm.

FINANCIAL VOTES.

The following financial votes were referred to the Finance Committee:

\$7,000 on account of Kowloon-Canton Railway, special expenditure, siding at Mile 21 to serve the Fu Ti Au brickworks.

\$18,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, buildings, temporary school, Kowloon.

\$450 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, motor launch for taking soundings and making current observations.

\$6,000 on account of Kowloon Canton Railway, special expenditure, recasting accounts of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, British Section.

\$200,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, compensation and resumptions.

\$20,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903, compensation and resumptions.

\$1,901 on account of Police Department, special expenditure, bullet-proof waistcoats.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE.

On the motion of the Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Council approved of the erection of a public latrine at Mongkok, on the area situated immediately north of Mongkok Road and immediately west of Shanghai Street.

SUN AND SOCIALISM.

OBJECTORS ON TRIAL.

According to reports in the vernacular papers, a number of members of the Kuomintang Party have recently made declarations protesting against any adoption of a Socialistic form of Government. As a consequence, Dr. Sun Yat-sen ordered three prominent members to be tried by the Executive Committee a few days ago, at which gathering Dr. Sun presided.

After hearing the explanations given by the accused, Dr. Sun ordered that they be kept under observation, and declared that he will severely deal with any others who protest against the adoption of Socialism.

heard on the "On Lee" whilst she was on her way to Kowloon on Wednesday night, last week, Mr. Martin and his colleagues are deserving of the highest credit for the prompt and business-like manner in which they handled the situation in anticipation of serious developments. As yet no practical scheme has been devised from investigations into this and previous cases, and the decision of the Government to provide convoys, whilst involving considerable expense, must be accepted as the best means of combating the evil. Details of this scheme have to be worked out with due regard to cost and convenience to business, and it has to be considered whether in the event of pooling of expenses being agreed upon under this scheme a considerable saving of expenses can be effected by all the companies engaged in business on one line running their ships to one uniform schedule. The views of the Government and shipowners on this point are awaited with interest.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

MATCHES FOR SATURDAY.

[BY "QUIZ"]
The matches for Saturday are as follows:

LEAGUE DIV. I.
Club v. Surrey.—Club ground.
R.G.A. v. Ambrose.—Navy "A" ground.
S. China v. Kowloon.—Sookunpoo "A" ground.
Police v. Despatch.—Kowloon F. C. ground.

LEAGUE DIV. II.
St. Joseph's v. S. China "B".—St. Joseph's ground.
R. G. A. v. University.—Club ground.
Filipinos v. Hollyhock.—Kowloon F. C. ground.
Sacred Heart v. Iroquoise.—South China ground.
S. China "A" v. Club de Recreio.—Sookunpoo "A" ground.

The Club receive the Surrey's this week in the League and as this will be the first meeting between these teams the game will be very open. Should the Club win they will strengthen their position for runners-up, for the Tamar having withdrawn, the Club by winning their remaining fixtures would be well in the running.

The R. G. A. meet the Ambrose on the Navy "A" ground, giving up their choice of the Sookunpoo ground to the South China v. Kowloon match. The previous game between these teams ended in a win for the sailors, but as both sides will field practically new teams this week, the result is very open.

South China and Kowloon are due out at Sookunpoo, and a large crowd is expected. South China are in good position to win the League and are new three points only behind the Surrey's, with four games in hand. Kowloon is putting out a strong team this week and may probably share the points.

The Police are at home to the Kowloon F. C. ground in their League match and a very good game should be seen. Wynne and McWalter were absent from the Police team yesterday in the League game against South China.

In the Junior games, S. China "B" and St. Joseph's should be very keenly contested and the result a draw. R.G.A. and University are due out on the Club, and the soldiers should win. The Filipinos and Hollyhock meet and a win for the sailors is expected.

The game on the South China ground between the Sacred Heart and Iroquoise should be very even, with the sailors winning by the odd goal. Club de Recreio meet South China "A" at Sookunpoo, and the Club will be out to take the points.

The following will represent the Club 1st XI in their 1st Division League match with the Surrey's: G. Rogers; W. Gerrard, C.E. Bishop; A. Mair; J. Stewart; R. G. Wallington; G. Watson; A. S. Forsyth (Capt.); H. G. Howard; S. D. Begg and G. Angus.

"THE QUAINTS."

LAST NIGHT'S PERFORMANCE.

"The Quaints" by producing their own "Wanted, a Smile," after such outstanding successes as the "Nine o'Clock Revue" and "The Beggar's Opera," invited criticism, but they need not have feared for the result. Its reception last night at the Theatre Royal was enthusiastic, but in point of attendance there was some falling off.

"Wanted a Smile" is a first-class entertainment of the pierrot order, barely justifying the use of a title. The artists, individually and collectively, were as brilliant in this as in their previous ventures, and it was noticed that the audience were quick to appreciate the greater opportunities given to Miss Ella Cameron to display her ability as a danseuse. With Miss Olive Turner, of whom the house could not have enough, she shared the honours of the evening.

We think, however, that some of the alleged humour between incidents was weak. It was not only a drag, but its resurrection at this late day was somewhat surprising.

At the conclusion, Mr. Salisbury thanked the audience for the way in which they had received "The Quaints" own. To-night the Company will give excerpts from "Polly" and "Wanted, a Smile."

QUARRY BAY A.D.C.

EXCELLENT PRODUCTION OF "ANN."

The Quarry Bay community possesses a most capable band of amateur players, as was clearly demonstrated last night when a first-rate performance was given, on behalf of the Ministering Children's League, of the well-known three-act comedy "Ann."

The piece was produced at the Taikoo Club by the members of the Quarry Bay A.D.C. under the able direction of Mr. W. Robertson. There was a crowded attendance, which ensures a good sum being secured for charity.

There were many present who feared lest the performers were undertaking too ambitious a task in essaying the production of "Ann," a play which calls for clever acting if it is to be at all convincing. It was soon apparent, however, that those taking part had made a close study of the play, and the result was in every way most gratifying.

The piece was admirably staged, despite the drawbacks arising from the somewhat cramped stage, whilst the leading characters were quite at home in their parts. Mrs. G. Gerrard, O.B.E., took the title role, and by her natural, unaffected acting she added further to the reputation which she has already established. As the Dean, Mr. G. McLeod gave an excellent interpretation of a part which called for restrained acting, whilst Mr. W. Robertson, as the Dean's son, was also particularly good, carrying through an arduous task with commendable skill.

Mrs. G. McLeod as Evangeline, Miss Hansen as the Dean's wife and Mr. D. Shearman as "Billy," a gay young man, each contributed to the evening's success by able handling of their parts. The whole production was a tribute to the A. D. C., whose future performances will be awaited with interest.

The play was produced by Mr. W. Robertson, who was well supported by Mr. E. Moore (stage direction), Mr. T. Shand (lighting) and Mr. J. Simpson (scenery). During the intervals, excellent incidental music was rendered by an amateur orchestra under the direction of Mr. Donnithorne.

HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

TWO SENT TO GAOL.

At the February Criminal Sessions to-day before Mr. Justice Gompertz, a new jury, as follows, was empanelled:—Messrs. James B. Chapman (foreman), John E. Anderson, J. C. Rozario, Thomas W. Riddell, S. Meijer, Harold A. Jones and Robert McKellar.

Cheung Sik Kam and Wong Ng stood charged with highway robbery at Stanley Gap on January 16th.

The case for the Crown, outlined by Mr. A. Dyer Ball, was that a young married woman and her mother were held up and threatened with bamboo by two men who took from them bracelets, rings, money and a bundle of clothing. The women were afterwards allowed to proceed and on reaching their home in Stanley they informed male relatives, who set out with the intention of tracking down the thieves. In this they were successful and with the aid of Indian police the two accused were arrested. Upon their persons was found the jewellery, and not far distant the bundle of clothing. The bamboos they had used were discovered close to the scene of the robbery.

Both women identified the prisoners and the property. Evidence of arrest and search was then given.

Prisoners pleaded not guilty, calling no witnesses on their behalf.

Both were found guilty and sentenced to three years' imprisonment and 12 strokes with the "Cat."

YESTERDAY'S FOOTBALL.

Playing in the League yesterday, at Kowloon, South China defeated the Police by six goals to love. The Police started with ten men and were no match for South China from the start. Choi Ping-fan opened the score after four minutes' play and Wong Pak-chong scored a couple before the interval. After the change of ends, the Police had more of the game, but failed to beat Lau Matsui, a member of the fifth goal and Li Wai-tong the fifth goal and Li Wai-tong the fifth goal and Li Wai-tong the fifth goal.

Iroquoise beat the Surrey's in a Junior Shield match by one to nil.

BRIBE TO LUKONG.

STEAMER PASSENGER FINED.

Commenting on the ease with which arms were smuggled aboard when Chinese constables like the one mentioned in the case were engaged on search duty, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, to-day at the Police Court, inflicted a fine of \$5, or seven days' default, on a Chinese passenger for giving a bribe to a Lukong.

The evidence showed that the Lukong, who had since absconded from barracks, demanded and accepted a bribe from the passenger on the gateway of a river steamer without making any effort to search his luggage. For the reason, possibly, that he had expected it, the passenger handed over forty-five cents to the Lukong, and this transaction was witnessed by a European Police Sergeant on the wharf.

His Worship took a record of the evidence with the view to its being furnished in the event of the absconded constable being arrested on a warrant that had been taken out. To the passenger, his Worship said he was inclined to believe that the latter only handed over the money on being asked to. That was foolish, but a lenient view of the offence would be taken. He imposed a fine as stated above.

ROBBERS' LINGO.

FIREARMS AS "PUPPIES."

Lau Lu, Tang Shui, Lam Pan, Kwok Leung, and Chi Cheong were charged with conspiring in Kowloon at various dates between January 4th and January 29th, to commit a robbery.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, opening for the Crown drew attention to the peculiar nature of this case, where a great deal of the evidence would be culled from the reports of conversations between certain of the accused and others who would appear as witnesses. There was also a little eavesdropping. Beginning with a talk between Lau Lu, who was unemployed and one other in an opium house, on robbery as an alternative to finding work, the matter was carried forward at further meetings to the point of definite arrangements for the commission of a crime.

A final conversation which was overheard, gave a time and place of the meeting and when the conspirators foregathered, the police arrested them. On Lau Lu was found a sharpened file and six prepared gags; Tang Shui and Lam Pan each carried concealed daggers, and Kwok Leung had a large skein of very strong tape or binding. Further evidence would revolve on the interpretation of certain idiomatic speech and phrases in the patois of the tea house and street. For instance, to "dig" would be to commit robbery; "rolls of crepe silk" meant daggers, and "puppies" firearms.

Leung Mee, now a candidate for banishment, called as a Crown witness gave evidence that in a conversation with a certain Kong Lok and Lau Lu, he had given his place of residence as a likely spot for "digging" operations there being certain other boarders there, whom it would be worth while robbing.

So Ping, another witness, having been in conversation with Lau Lu at an intermediate stage of the proceedings, and Lau Lu having at this conversation been rather incautious, looked out for developments. Returning from work one evening, he saw Lau Lu, Tang Shui, Lam Pan, Kwok Leung conversing in a doorway.

He made it his business to overhear what was going on and from the conclusions he reached, decided it would be best to inform the police. This resulted in the arrest of the first three prisoners in a tea house on the 29th of January of the other two a short distance away at the same time.

The case is proceeding.

RUSSO-JAPANESE INCIDENT.

STAFF OFFICER'S ARREST.

Tokyo, Feb. 27.

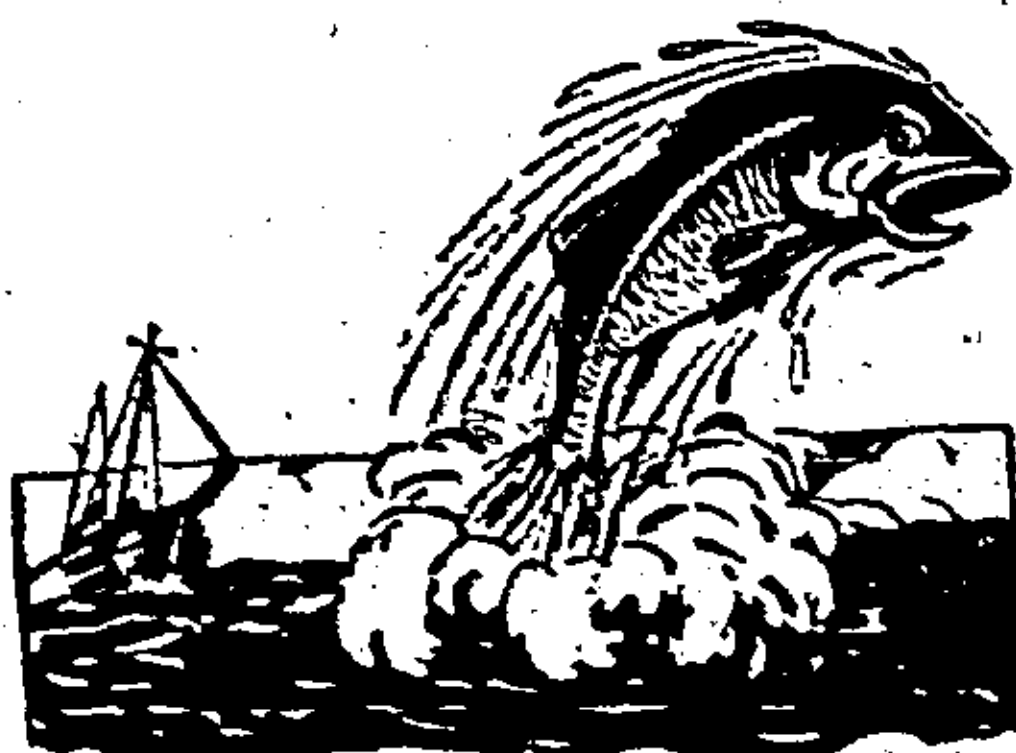
It is semi-officially announced that Foreign Office advisers confirm a despatch from Vladivostok reporting the arrest of Captain Matsui, a member of the Russian Staff. The Russian authorities are reported to have searched his residence on the 26th, arresting without explanation Capt. Matsui and also two interpreters.—Reuter.

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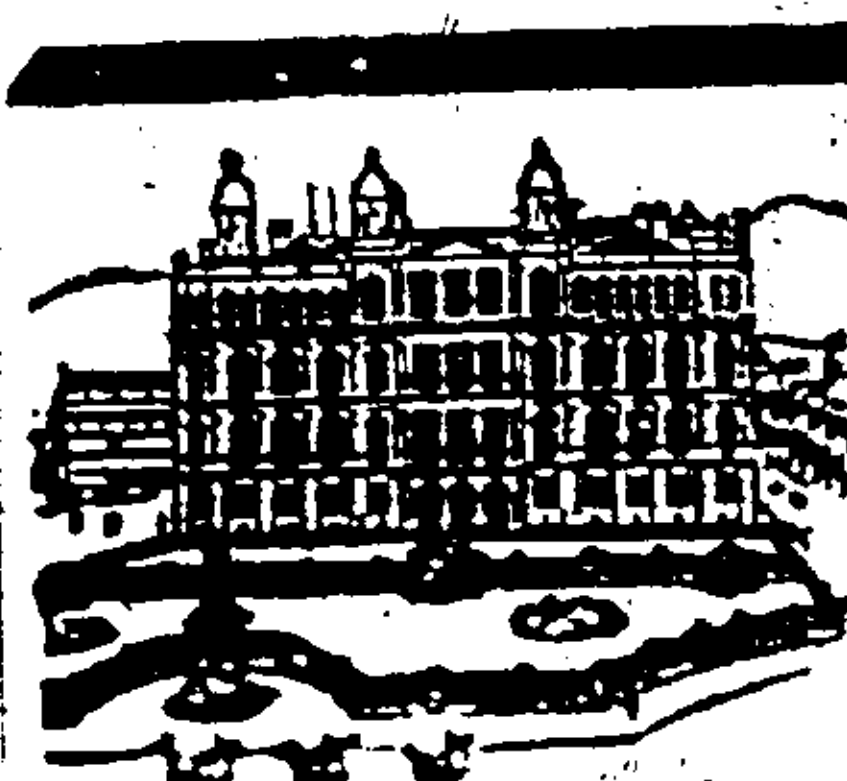
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CUP AND LEAGUE MATCHES.

London, Feb. 27.

In English Cup re-plays Liverpool beat Southampton by two goals to nil and will now meet Newcastle away; whilst West Bromwich beat Wolverhampton Wanderers by the same score and will be at home in the fourth round to Aston Villa.

In Scottish Cup re-plays, Partick beat Hamilton by two goals to one; whilst Falkirk defeated Queen's Park by two to nil.

In the English League, First Division, Huddersfield and Newcastle drew with one goal each whilst Birmingham beat Burnley by two goals to one.

The draw for the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, to be played on March 8, is as follows:—Airdrieonians v. Ayr United; Aberdeen v. St. Bernard's; Hibernians v. Partick Thistle; Heart of Midlothian v. Falkirk.

In the Scottish League Hibernians defeated Kilmarnock by three goals to one, Ayr beat Clyde by two to one, Airdrieonians beat Dundee by four to two, Raith and Motherwell draw with one each as also did Morton and Aberdeen with the same score.—Reuter.

STEVEDORES TO RESUME.

London, February 27.

Mass meeting of members of the Stevedores' Union at Poplar, Cannington and Bermondsey this morning unanimously decided that the strike should be called off and work be resumed tomorrow.—Reuter.

SCRATCHED.

London, February 27.

Epinard has been scratched for the Lincolnshire.—Reuter.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THIS WEEK'S FUNCTIONS.

On Wednesday His Excellency and Lady Stubbs entertained Vice Admiral Frochet, and some of his Officers, to luncheon at Government House. Those present included, H. E. Major General Sir John Fowler, Commodore and Mrs. Grace, Miss Grace, Captain Caccia, H. I. M. S. Calabria, Captain Lavalley de Maudouze, Captain Vigoureux d'Arville, Mr. and Mrs. Edkins, Miss Cubitt, Mons. and Madame Tulasne, Commander Lannon of U.S.S. Helena, Commander Bivar of the Portuguese gunboat Patria, Lieut. Commander Worthington R.N., Lieut. Mottez, A.D.C., and Lieut. Hall, A.D.C.

On Friday, 29th, February, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs have invited Commander and Mrs. Watkins, Mr. and Miss Owen Hughes and Captain Hoy, to dinner, after which they and their guests will attend the S. P. C. A. Fancy Dress Ball at the City Hall.

On Saturday, 1st March, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs, attended by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., will lunch with Vice Admiral Frochet in the cruiser Jules Ferry.

On Monday, 3rd March, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will be present at Lady Fowler's dance at Headquarters House.

On Tuesday, 4th, March, His Excellency, attended by Mr. Gairford St. Lawrence, will dine with the members of the Civil Service Cricket Club at Volunteer Headquarters.

On Thursday, 6th, March, His Excellency and Lady Stubbs will visit the Horticultural Show on the Volunteer Ground.

BOXER'S SERIOUS ILLNESS.

Havana, February 27.

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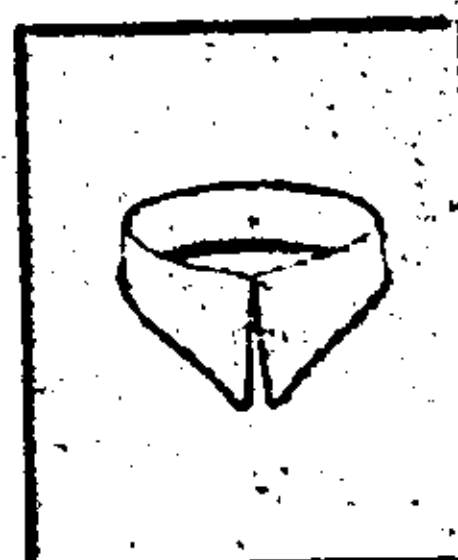
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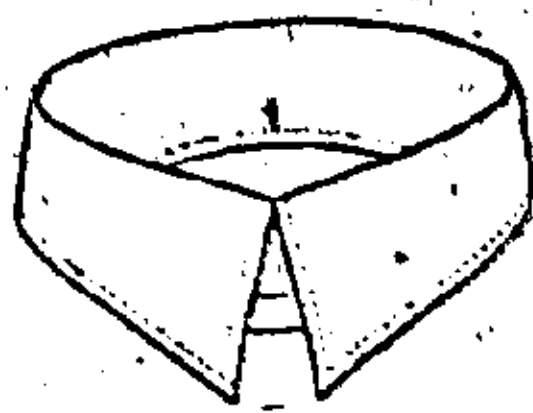
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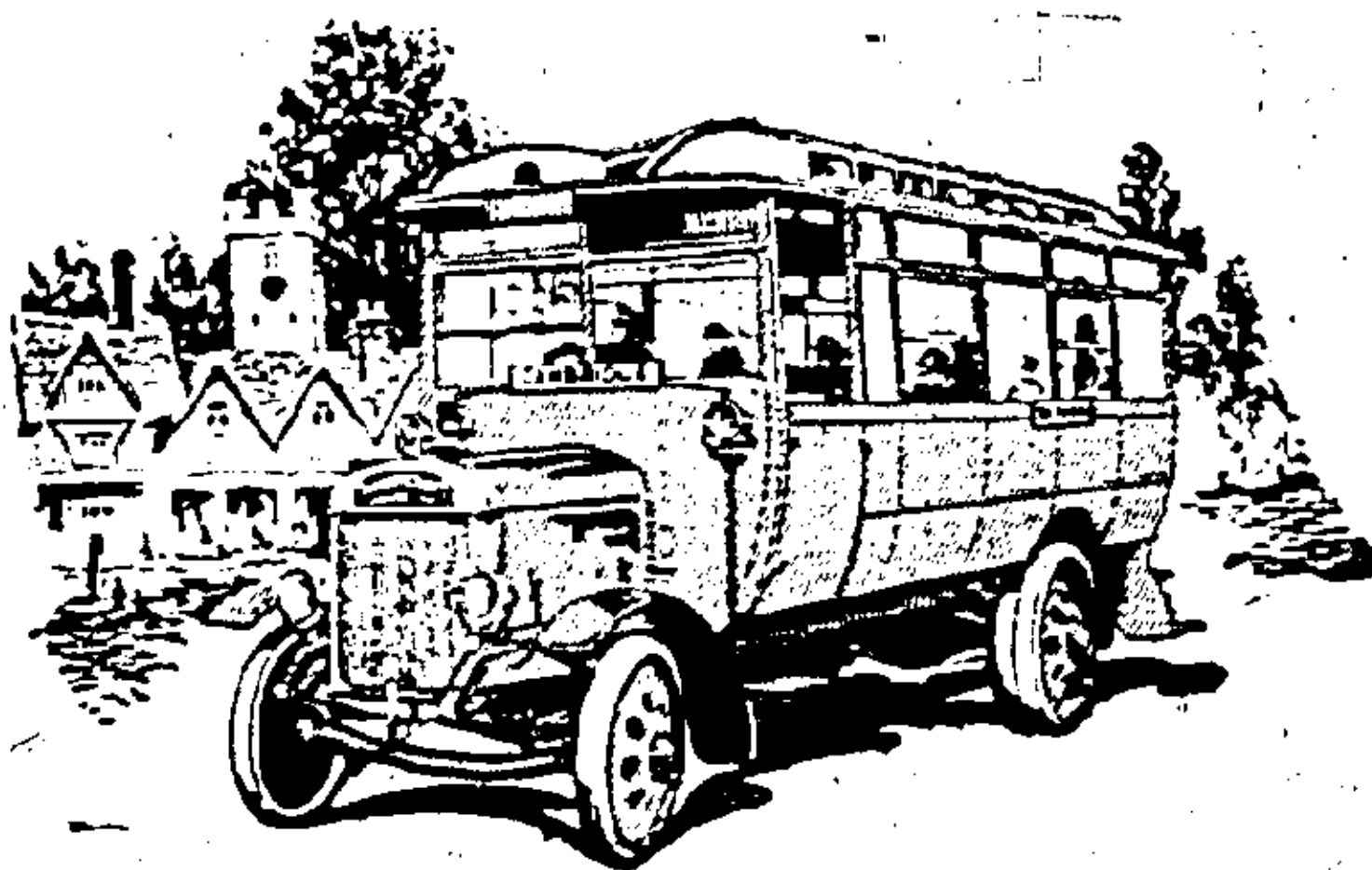
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Mr. James O'Grady, who has
been named British envoy to
Soviet Russia.His Royal Highness Prince George is shown above
walking with Lady Alexandra Carson, daughter of Lord
Curzon. Some people expect soon to hear of their
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STRAITS & Calcutta	Kutsang	Fri. 29th Feb. at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Samsang	Sat. 1st Mar. at 11 a.m.
KOBE via Moji	Namsang	Thurs. 1st Mar. at noon.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow Leesang	Namsang	Sun. 2nd Mar. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Yatsang	Namsang	Sun. 2nd Mar. at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK via Swatow Hopsang	Namsang	Tues. 4th Mar. at 10 a.m.
TIAO via S'ow & S'hai Loksang	Namsang	Wed. 5th Mar. at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN	Chipsang	Wed. 5th Mar. at noon.
KOBE & Moji	Fooksang	Thurs. 6th Mar. at noon.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Hsang	Fooksang	Fri. 7th Mar. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Fausang	Fooksang	Sun. 9th Mar. at 7 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Kingsang	Sun. 9th Mar. at 7 a.m.
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Tjikin	Java	10th Mar.	13th Mar.	Japan
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